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FRENCH AND BRITISH CLAIM NEW SUCCESSES IN SERBIA

TODAY'S DISPATCHES FROM ATHENS CLAIM IMPORTANT VICTORIES FOR ALLIED TROOPS NOW FIGHTING TEUTONS IN SERBIA.

Bulgarians Said to Have Lost Kasturino to the French, While British Have Defeated them on the Valondovo-Rabrovo Front—Rome Reports Great Activity Along the Whole Italian Front—Austrians Are Laying Waste Country Before Advancing Italians, Many Towns on the Isonzo Plains are Now in Ruins—Winston Spencer Churchill, Former First Lord of the Admiralty, Departed from London Today for the Front—He was Unrecognized in H^{is} Uniform—Serbian Army Threatened with Annihilation According to Bulgarian Sources.

London, Nov. 18.—Important successes for the French and British in Serbia are reported unofficially from Athens. The Bulgarians are said to have lost Kasturino to the French, and to have been defeated by the British on the Valondovo-Rabrovo front.

Rome reports great artillery activity along the whole Italian front.

The charge is made that the Austrians are destroying the country conquered by the Italians, and that numerous towns on the Isonzo plains are now in ruins.

Churchill to the Front.

London, Nov. 18.—Winston, Spencer Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty, today departed for the front, clad in the uniform of his regiment, of which he is a major. His wife bade him farewell at the railroad station, where he was unrecognized as he waited to enter a special car. Churchill left the cabinet recently after having been relieved of a more important post in the admiralty several months earlier. The failures of the British expeditions were blamed against him.

Would Withdraw British

London, Nov. 18.—Lieutenant General Chas. C. Munro, the new Dardanelles commander has recommended withdrawal of the British expedition. It is announced today. The offensive in the Dardanelles has been resumed and 250 yards of Turkish trenches captured, the war office announces.

Escaped German at London

London, Nov. 18.—The German naval lieutenant who broke his parole from the cruiser Eitel Friedrich, at Norfolk, Va., is being held here, it was announced today.

Allies Threatened in Balkans.

London, Nov. 18.—Both the military and diplomatic situation of the allies in the Balkans are disquieting, if not critical, a fact which doubtless led to the visit of the British prime minister, Mr. Asquith, David Lloyd-George and A. J. Balfour to Paris with the French cabinet and General Joffre, the French commander in chief.

The main Serbian army under General Putnik, which is operating in the north, is now encompassed on every side but one, and being cut off from the south by the Bulgarian advance beyond Tetovo, must depend on the rough roads through Montenegro and Albania for any supplies from the sea.

In the south the Serbian position is almost as bad. The success of the Bulgarians' flanking attack on Babuna pass and their advance from Velea have prevented the hoped-for junction of the Serbian and French forces.

This leaves the Serbians only two lines of retreat, one into Albania, where they may be harassed by unfriendly tribes, and the other across the Greek border, where they are in danger of being disarmed and interned. It is to prevent the latter eventuality that the entente allies

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Nov. 18.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and colder with freezing temperature, Friday fair.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEETING

Day Services Have Begun and Attendance is Very Good.

The evangelistic meetings still continue at the First Christian church, with excellent attendance. The day meetings began yesterday and will continue each day at 2:30 p. m. Tomorrow evening a sacred concert will be given at the church, and will be in charge of Rev. Clifford B. James. A very interesting program has been arranged and will be published tomorrow. The service will begin promptly at 7:30 and will not interfere with the sermon by Rev. Wickizer.

THIEVES HAVE BEEN ACTIVE AGAIN HERE

SOME ARE DUE FOR A BUMP—OFFICERS ARE ON TRAIL OF THE "NEVER-SWEATS" WHO HANG ABOUT RESORTS.

For some time an epidemic of thievery has been prevalent in the city, and despite the efforts of the city and county officers, the perpetrators continue to get in their work occasionally.

The pet scheme of the thieves is to spot a church-going family who are likely to attend the revival in progress in the city at the present time, and while they are away at church, the thieves ransack the house and take whatever they can find which can be converted into cash.

This has gotten to be a habit with some, and the officers are advising that some citizen slip over some night, and instead of the entire family attending, let one remain at home with a well-loaded shotgun and give the invaders a warm reception.

The officers are of the opinion that the work is being done by local parties who are entirely familiar with local conditions, and it would not be surprising to learn some morning that someone had been seriously shot while endeavoring to gain entrance into another man's home.

Three cases have been reported within the past week—one at the residence of A. C. Young, one at the residence of H. T. Hunt, and the other at the Elks' club. None have been apprehended, although the officers have some pretty strong suspicions as to who did the work.

JURY MADE UP OF PHYSICIANS PASS ON CASE

WILL DECIDE WHETHER CHICAGO PHYSICIAN DID RIGHT IN WITHHOLDING OPERATION ON DEFECTIVE CHILD.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 18.—Whether a Chicago surgeon did right in withholding an operation which would have saved the life of a defective infant or letting it die, will be decided by a jury of physicians at a coroner's inquest which was ordered today in the case of the death of the baby of Mrs. Anna Bollinger.

Dr. H. J. Haiselden welcomes the inquest although the child's natural death yesterday makes it unnecessary under the law.

HUGHES NOT CANDIDATE

Associate Justice Hughes Won't Be Caricature for President.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Associate Justice Hughes of the United States supreme court, today notified the Nebraska secretary of state that he would not be a candidate for president, and asked that his name be not placed on the ballot.

NOW CROPS AND POLITICS ARE BEING TALKED

PROMINENT FARMER FROM THE GRAHAM DISTRICT SAYS THAT HE WANTS TO SEE CHANGES IN LAW MAKERS. CROPS ARE GOOD.

R. T. Ricketts, a prominent farmer from the Graham district, was in the city today and stated that conditions in that locality were never better than at present. In speaking of the corn and cotton crops he stated that the corn crop was nearly all harvested and that three of his neighbors, Dr. Lyle, Henry Fowler and L. M. Ponder were the leaders in corn averaging fifty bushels to the acre, with the cotton crop far above the expectations. Mr. Ricketts states that his son, B. C. Ricketts, made 140 bushels of sweet potatoes from one acre of land, and also was the leader in hogs and chickens. He states that he will have over 6,000 pounds of meat to sell and that some of his red hogs will tip the beam at 500 pounds. The farmers about Graham are paying more attention to hogs and chickens than ever before, with the result that they have solved in a great measure the high cost of living.

"We are not talking much about politics in our neighborhood at present," said Mr. Ricketts, "but there is a strong feeling that the people of the county should send Sidney Suggs to the state senate next time. That is my sentiment to a certainty. I have known Col. Suggs for a long time, and he in my opinion could do something for the farmers in the law making body of the state. We have been in the habit in the past of sending young lawyers and school teachers to the state legislature, and I have no criticism to offer against them, they are all my friends, but it is time that the people were sending older and more mature men to help make our laws and leave the younger ones to put them into effect. Col. Suggs is a broad gauged, big-hearted man who knows the people, and I am sure he could be elected. We, about Graham want him to make the race."

"Another man I want to see make the race for the state legislature, is 'Uncle Bud' Young of Berwyn. He is another good man who would be worth something to his constituency. We want him and will back him to the hilt in this locality."

COMMITTEE WILL PASS ON CLAIMS TODAY

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE WILL TAKE EVIDENCE AND PASS FINAL JUDGMENT UPON CLAIMS FILED AGAINST THE SANTA FE.

The citizens committee will take testimony today and pass final judgment on some of the claims filed for damages against the Santa Fe railroad company. Happily there are but few of these checked up to the committee so far, and they are in hopes that very few will be. The claim agents have made wonderful progress in effecting settlements and up to last night had closed 1448 of the total number filed.

Sixteen claims were filed with the committee yesterday, but the committee believes that most of the claimants have registered and from now on filing will be light. The committee will assist the agents in settling the large property claims yet to be taken into consideration and by the time all are disposed of, the Santa Fe railroad company will have paid out in damages over one million dollars.

There is no better investment for a business man than judicious newspaper advertising.

TEXAS BANKER GUILTY

Cashier of Bank at Cisco Admits His Guilt—Granted Bond.

Cisco, Tex., Nov. 18.—W. M. Tebbis, cashier of the Merchants & Farmers National bank, today pleaded guilty to misappropriating the bank's money and his bond was fixed at \$5,000.

Penrose Denies Candidacy.

Denton, Tex., Nov. 18.—United States Senator Boies Penrose today declared that last night's San Antonio statement that he would be a candidate for president was unauthorized, but admitted that he is being mentioned.

BIG RALLY AT HIGNIGHT LAST NIGHT

CARTER COUNTY DOING ITS FULL PART IN CAMPAIGN TO DRIVE THE EVIL OF ILLITERACY FROM OKLAHOMA.

The rally and box supper at the Norris Chapel (Hignight) school, was gotten up by the teachers. Miss Olive Cline is principal and Miss Catherine Thomason is assistant. They spent four days among the patrons and friends of the school in the endeavor to make the affair a success. Mr. M. E. Pruitt and Mr. Jim Carter are the trustees, and both were present.

Colonel Suggs gave his address on "The Educational Mile of Good Road." With his aid our school is going to build a mile of good road, and build it so well that we will win the prize offered. His address was splendid, and we are all good road enthusiasts now.

Supt. Richards spoke on "Education in Oklahoma." He especially emphasized education in Oklahoma, in Carter county, in Norris chapel (Hignight) district. He came right down to facts and told us of the conditions as they exist in this district at this time. In some ways, he said, our district was above the average in this county, but in others it fell below the average. On the whole, it has a splendid showing.

Among the visitors from Ardmore were G. W. Coffman, principal Fourth ward school, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dignight. A goodly number of young folks also from town were present. The disagreeable weather kept a great many of the patrons away, but quite a number of the "faithful" were there.

After the speaking, Colonel Suggs displayed his skill as an auctioneer, and to such an advantage that quite a neat sum was realized from the boxes. This money was added to that in our treasury and will be used on our school ground.

Our school is going to take advantage of the opportunities offered in visual instruction, for which Supt. Thurston is working so hard.

The teachers went to the woods and got berries and leaves and decorated the auditorium of the school. Cut flowers and growing plants were also used in decorating.

TWO DOLLAR OIL IS NOW A REALITY

TEN-CENT ADVANCE AT PITTSBURGH TODAY BROUGHT PRICE OF PENNSYLVANIA CRUDE TO TWO DOLLARS PER BARREL.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 18.—Two-dollar oil, the goal of hundreds of producers throughout the country, was reached today when Pennsylvania crude was advanced another dime.

Continued advances began last August. The suspension of operations in Europe and increased consumption are given as the causes.

PLACES BLAME ON AUSTRIANS

AFFIDAVIT OF ONLY AMERICAN SURVIVOR OF ANCONA DISASTER REACHES WASHINGTON.

SUB SHELLED SHIP

Doctor Cecile L. Greil Says Austrian Submarine Shelled Ship, After It Had Stopped, Contradicting Claim of Austrians.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Notice of direct contradiction of the Austro-Hungarian statement that the Ancona was not shelled by the submarine after it stopped was received by the state department today in the affidavit of Dr. Cecile L. Greil, the only American survivor of the disaster in the Mediterranean last week.

Consular dispatches had already told of the affidavit.

THE GENTLE GRAFTER IS IN OUR MIDST

ANNUAL INFLUX OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HERE TO REAP THE GOLDEN HARVEST—COTTON CROP ATTRACTS THEM.

In the fall of the year, when the cotton crop begins to move in this section and the farmer has a few extra dollars to spend, a swarm of philanthropic citizens swoop down on this city and proceed to "give away" a lot of stuff to the rural visitors who are here to dispose of their year's crop. This season has been no exception to the rule, and the streets even now are infested with a conglomerated mass of individuals who are offering—for a consideration—everything from a lot in some summer resort, to a plan of salvation, and who are ready to convince the prospective purchaser that he is in need of the aforesaid and the same.

The city dads recently passed an ordinance against the peddler of wares of any sort, but it seems that something has been overlooked, and there is at present plenty of workers in the city who are "getting by" with some scheme or another.

Someone in the past must have placed the "mysterious mark of the brotherhood" on Ardmore's front gate, some time in the dim and hazy past, someone must have purchased a piece of jewelry or passed a hand-out, and ever since, the city has been known as an easy mark for all kinds and conditions of wanderers. At times the street corners are congested with them, and it is impossible to pass, because of the crowd gathered to listen to the oration of a leather-lunged individual, who is merely "passing out a few samples, to introduce the goods."

Objects of charity are, and should be, given consideration, but Ardmore is too busy at present to tolerate any of the class mentioned above, and the mayor and chief of police are going to give every proposition of the kind a very close "once over" in the future before they grant permission to "work the city."

Dead Man in Oil Fields.

Yesterday morning a report reached this city that a man was found dead in the oil fields near Wirt, and the county attorney and Sheriff Garrett went immediately to make an investigation.

When they arrived they found the man to be Walter Ridley, who formerly lived at Duncan. He was found dead in a rooming house, and the verdict of the coroner's jury empaneled was that he came to his death from natural causes. He was a consumptive and for some time had been in failing health.